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SECURITY INFORMATION

NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 144
13 January 1953

1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton	State
Mr. Clinton	State
Lt. Col. Pack	Army
Col. Kirgis	Navy
Lt. Jones	Navy
25X1A9a, Rush	Air Force
	CIA (Vice-Chairman)

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2. JCS Priority List

The Vice-Chairman announced receipt in D/B of the revised JCS Priority List. Except for the addition of certain special NIS (Ocean Areas), and NIS Nos. 3 and 41 (France and Korea, respectively) there are no changes in Group I of these priorities. The Vice-Chairman undertook to furnish copies of the list to the Committee.

3. Tentative FY 1954 Production Schedule

The Committee agreed on a deadline date of 3 February 1953 for the submission to D/B of agency proposals for the tentative FY 1954 Production Schedule. These proposals will be consolidated in D/B and the tentative schedule will be presented to the Committee for consideration at its meeting on 10 February 1953.

In connection with a question raised by the Army member it was decided that production would be scheduled on NIS 41 (Korea) since that area is high on the JCS Priority List.

The situation with respect to NIS production responsibilities of the Departments of Interior and Agriculture was discussed. The State member pointed out that these agencies had not yet demonstrated that they are in a position to produce the NIS contributions for which they are responsible at the 8 NIS per year rate which is planned for the FY 1954 Schedule, and he questioned whether these agencies should not be held to a schedule which is more realistically in line with their capabilities. State's concern stems from the fact that State has over-all responsibility for the elements to which these agencies contribute, and any failure by these agencies to fulfill a production commitment results in a defection from schedule which reflects on State.

The Vice-Chairman pointed out that the fiscal support now being given by CIA to Interior and Agriculture for their NIS programs is based on commitments

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by these agencies to produce at the rate of 8 NIS contributions per year. They are expected, therefore, to fulfill their commitments, and should schedule production at the rate agreed upon. If they fail to do so it is a matter for consideration when dealing with these agencies on the fiscal support they are to receive from CIA. The Vice-Chairman undertook to discuss the production situation with officials of these agencies. The Vice-Chairman also assured the State member that defections from schedule due to defaults by Interior and Agriculture would not be held against State when fiscal support matters concerning that agency were under consideration.

4. Status of FY 1953 Production

The Vice-Chairman reported that 215 Sections had been delivered to D/B during the first six months of FY 1953 which represented a 77% fulfillment of the numerical commitment for that period. In view of this high percentage of fulfillment of numerical commitments he proposed that no change be made in the FY 1953 Production Schedule for the balance of the year. The Committee approved this proposal.

5. Revision of Sections of NIS

In connection with the maintenance of the NIS, the State member suggested that the Committee give consideration to devising some system whereby portions of a Section could be revised and reprinted. He referred to Section 43 (Religion, Education, and Public Information) on NIS 26 (USSR), and said that new information which State had obtained would permit a considerable expansion of the portion of the Section dealing with Education, but that the balance of the Section would not be changed to any extent.

The Vice-Chairman pointed out that since the NIS Sections are not published in loose-leaf form it would be difficult for NIS recipients to remove the portion of the element that had been revised and insert the new sheets. He also expressed the opinion that in most cases a revision of one portion of a Section would affect other parts of the element, such as the "General" and "Comments on Principal Sources" sub-sections. Following discussion it was agreed that it would not be feasible to undertake revision, publication, and dissemination of parts of published NIS Sections. When there is enough new material of real significance to warrant revision, the Section will be reprinted and disseminated as a unit even though some parts remain unchanged.

6. Outline Guide for Chapter VI (Economic)

The State member proposed that the Committee give consideration to a reexamination of the Chapter VI Outline Guide with a view to changing the present format. The Section 64 (Manufacturing and Construction), in particular, tends to be very voluminous, and while all of the agencies contribute to this Section, State has coordination responsibility and, in addition, is charged with actual production of much of the Section. Because review and coordination of the Section is time-consuming, with resultant delay in publication following submission of the service agencies' contributions, the State member said that it

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might be desirable to break down the Section, or possibly the entire Chapter, into two parts and to publish these two parts separately.

The Vice-Chairman stated that a study is now underway in CIA to determine whether present coverage actually meets the requirements of the government in this field, and he suggested that the Committee defer action in the matter pending the results of the study. When these results are known, determination can then be made as to whether the present Outline Guide for Chapter VI is satisfactory, or whether it should be broken down in order to facilitate production, processing, and publication. The Committee agreed to the suggested deferment.

7. Contributor delays in clarifying questions on NIS manuscript

The Vice-Chairman informed the members that failure of contributors to respond with reasonable promptness to queries of the D/B Editorial staff on NIS manuscript had delayed processing and publication of a number of NIS elements. He requested the members to take steps to insure that such queries are given more prompt attention.

8. Dissemination of NIS Sections 72 to NACA

The Vice-Chairman announced that State and Air Force interpose no objection to the dissemination of NIS Sections 72 to the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics. (Refer to paragraph 3, NIS Committee Meeting No. 143, 23 December 1952) Army indicated non-concurrence on the release of sub-sections D and E on the ground that these portions contain information relating to ground weapons and equipment for which NACA has no "need to know". Inasmuch as Navy has not yet stated its position in the matter, action will be withheld pending receipt of that agency's views.

9. NIS Production

The Vice-Chairman informed the members that scheduled commitment of NIS production for the month of January is 43 Sections and that there is a backlog of 78 delinquent Sections making a total of 121 Sections due or overdue. As of this date 3 Sections have been submitted to D/B.

10. The next meeting of the Committee shall be held at the call of the Vice-Chairman.

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